District is facing water problem. Bethamangala tank becomes dry every alternate year. It has not been desilted for the last so many years. Is the Government going to allow these people to suffer without water and suffer with all kinds of diseases ?

SRI DHARM SINGH.—We will not allow the people to suffer. Government has taken action. First we will spend Rs. 18 lakhs. Afterwards we will think of a permanent solution to the problem. This problem is everywhere. The decade 1980–1990, is being observed as an International Water Decade. In this decade we are trying to get world bank assistance. We will do that. We are not tellin. that permanent water supply will not be made. The amount of Rsg 18 lakhs is for temporary relief. Moreover, they are unable to give more water from Cauvery because that wateris used for irrigation also. That is why we are thinking of water source also. The water table has gone down.

SRI C.M. ARUMUGHAM.—Is there any scheme to improve the Bethamangala tank ?

SRI DHARM SINGH. —We are going to take up construction of bore wells.

MR. SPEAKER.—Question hour is over.

Questions for Answers for the day (but not taken up)

S.F.D.A. Scheme in Raibagh Taluk. Belgaum District.

646. SRI R.S. NADONI (Raibagh).—Will the Minister for Rural Development and Panchayatraj be pleased to state.

(a) the programmes undertaken under S.F.D.A Scheme in Raibagh taluk, Belgaum District.

(b) the number of beneficiaries through this scheme, total amount spent and the particulars for which it was spent by the Government so far (Details may please be furnished)

(c) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the Chairman of Karnataka Milk Producers and Marketing Co-operative Society Limited, Nippani Consisting of 95 members have submitted an application to the project Officer, Belgaum for sanction of loan to purchase Milching cows.

(d) the total amount sanctioned to this Society by the Government so far and the reasons for not sanctioning the loan so far.

(e) whether Government would provide loan to this poor society for its improvement if so, when the Government would provide loan.

SRI B. RAMAIAH. (Minister for Rural Development and Panchayat raj).—

(a) The Programmes like supply of Milching cows poultry, supply of bullock cart, irrigation tanks and digging of wells, supply of pumsets and sheep breeding etc., are being undertaken.

(b) The financial assistances to the extent of Rs. 3,98,923.20 np. has been paid to 781 persons so far. Out of this 252 persons are belonging to Backward Classes. The particulars are as follows.

Sl. No.	Programme	The no. of persons benefitted		The amount of financial and spent since its inception	
		Total	Out of this belonging to backward class community	Total	Out of this belonging to backward class community
1.	Pump sets	14	...	16,201.25	...
2.	Bullock cart	1	...	1,311.80	...
3.	Sheeps	7	1	6500.00	750.00
4.	Irrigation Well	1	...	3,000.00	...
5.	Milching cows	738	251	3,69,550.50	1,50,373.43
6.	Crop extent	20	...	2,359.85	...
	Total	781	252	3,98,923.20	1,51,123.43

(c) Yes.

(d) The Financial Assistance of Rs. 16,225.00 has been given to 25 persons. A sum of Rs. 49,850,00 has been sanctioned towards Loan to 25 persons. As the Society has to fulfill certain conditions to Bank, loan has not been sanctioned to all of them.

(e) The Project Director of Belgaum District has already taken action in this regard.

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Demand of Security Deposit by K.E.B.

SRI A. LAKSHMI SAGAR (Chickpet)—Sir, I call the attention of the Hon. Minister of State for Power regarding the inconvenience caused to the consumers due to the demand of Security amounts by the Karnataka Electricity Board.